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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing of the present application.

Japanese reference 50297/1992 discloses an elevator with a drive pulley, a cage that moves along first guides, a counterweight that moves along second guides and a drive engine

arranged in the shaft. This reference is discussed in greater detail in the specification of the present application and the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to that discussion. Applicant has also enclosed a copy of a translation of the claim of the Japanese reference.

The remaining references were cited in the International Search Report of the International Application corresponding to the present application.

The present invention defines a specific cable elevator with a drive plate which is not believed to be disclosed by the enclosed references.

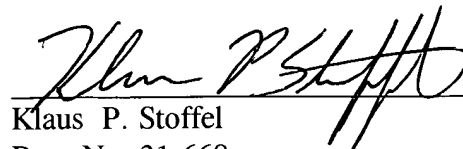
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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